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Remaining Retirement Offerings This Month

Retiree Health Benefits

This webinar is intended for those considering retirement from UC within the next 4-12 months. We'll provide an in-depth review of the eligibility rules for retiree health coverage, your health plan options (including Medicare coordination), how to determine your premiums and commonly asked questions.



Date: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 (Tomorrow!)

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Register: https://ucop.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KpETRz4EQVS-DoKdp9OA_w#/registration.

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The UC Retirement Process – From Start to Finish

This webinar is meant for UCRP members who are planning to retire within the next 4-12 months. We'll explain everything you need to know about the retirement process, including required forms, important deadlines and helpful resources.

Date: Thursday, August 22, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m. – noon

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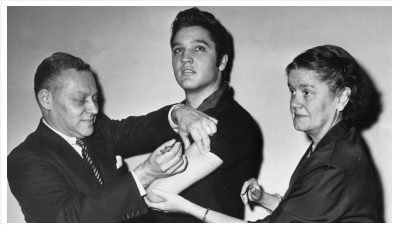
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UC Vaccine Policy

There is a vaccine update currently under review at the systemwide Academic Senate: [excerpt]

The Program Attachments include the following changes to the existing 2016 Student Immunization Policy:

- Students will be required to be Up-To-Date on their MMR, MenACWY, Tdap, and VZV vaccinations, provide proof of immunity for those diseases, or obtain a University-approved exception, as a condition of Physical Presence at a University Location or in a University Program.
- Students may request exceptions to any of these vaccination requirements premised on medical contraindications, religious objections, or disability. There are no exceptions permitted for students' mandatory completion of a tuberculosis screening questionnaire to evaluate their risk of latent tuberculosis.
- In the event that applicable law or public health orders impose stricter vaccination requirements, students would be required to comply with those stricter requirements.
- Students who are not Up-To-Date with the relevant vaccination requirements (which includes those who have been granted exceptions) or who have not satisfied the tuberculosis screening requirement may be subject to NonPharmaceutical Interventions (e.g., masks and testing) above and beyond those who have demonstrated compliance and may be excluded from the Location or site of an outbreak.
- Additionally, students who are not compliant with the vaccination programs and/or screening program must participate in any Vaccine Education required by their Location Vaccine Authority (LVA). Additional Vaccine Education may be required by the LVA in the event of an outbreak or consistent with applicable federal, state, or local laws, regulations, or accreditation standards...



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Full document at https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/_files/underreview/program-attachments-policy-on-vaccination-programs.pdf.

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Sunday, August 11, 2024

New Alert for Subway Construction: Nights and Weekends



Weekend and Off-Peak Wilshire Lane Closures

Summary

Wilshire Bl between San Vicente Bl and La Cienega Bl may be intermittently reduced to a single lane in each direction during weekend and off-peak hours through September 2024. Similarly, access to side streets may be reduced intermittently. Weekend work hours are generally 8pm on Friday nights through 7am the following Monday morning. Off-peak hours include weeknights from 8pm to 7am the following morning.

When

Weekends and off-peak hours through September 2024

Where

Wilshire Bl between San Vicente and La Cienega boulevards

Access







Access for emergency vehicles and first responders will be maintained.

Metro Access

Metro bus stops may be relocated or lines could be impacted. For information changes to Metro service, please call 323.GoMetro. Passengers are encouraged to use the [Transit App](#) to plan their travels.

Noteworthy

- All work has received necessary permits and approvals.
- Access for pedestrians will be maintained outside of the construction zone.
- Access for emergency responders will be maintained.
- Construction is a dynamic process and information is subject to change without notice.
- 24/7 Hotline: 213-922-6934

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Saturday, August 10, 2024

VA Leases

Some readers will recall the controversy over leases of portions of the VA's Westwood property to UCLA for athletics and to others. The [LA Times](#) carried a lengthy article about new litigation concerning lack of housing for homeless vets. Buried in the article were references to those leases which suggest they might be voided or renegotiated:

...In a brief filed last month, attorneys for the veterans asked [the court] to issue an order requiring the VA to provide nearly 4,000 units of permanent supportive housing on the

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campus... The brief is less specific about the leases to UCLA and the neighboring Brentwood School for athletic facilities and the oil and parking operations. It asks [the court] to find the leases invalid but does not say whether they should be nullified or renegotiated to better serve veterans...

Neither UCLA nor the Brentwood School [which also has a lease] has had lawyers present or sought to intervene. Spokespeople for UCLA and the Brentwood School declined to comment.

Full story at <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-08-05/trial-to-begin-on-veterans-demand-for-more-housing-on-the-vas-west-los-angeles-campus>.

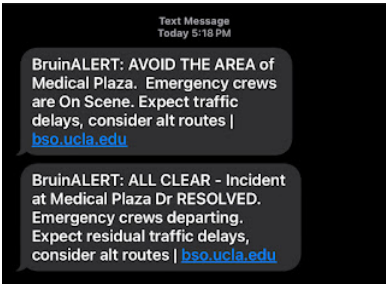


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Friday, August 9, 2024

Alert Yesterday



You may have received a BruinAlert late yesterday afternoon telling you to stay away from the Medical Plaza and subsequently an All Clear, with no further information.

The [Daily Bruin](#) reports that one of those LA car chases somehow ended up at UCLA. Why it ended up where it did is unclear:

...Following a 90-minute car chase, the man – who is wanted for robbery and rape – drove over a spike strip in Westwood,

which left at least one tire flat... He continued to drive through Westwood, ABC7 said, before surrendering to LAPD in the Medical Plaza around 5:30 p.m...

Full story at <https://dailybruin.com/2024/08/08/man-detained-at-ucla-medical-plaza-on-suspicion-of-rape-robbery>.

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Big

Berkeley's latest dorm is getting somewhat mixed reviews in the Bay Area news media. It is massive, but unlike Santa Barbara's much-denounced and never-built "Dormzilla," it's got lots of windows.

From [SFGATE](#): A lavish \$268 million UC Berkeley residence hall is set to open this month, making it the first university-owned housing complex in Downtown Berkeley. Anchor House, located across from the university at 1950 Oxford St., is set to open on Aug. 21 and is specifically designed for transfer students. The 14-story, 360,000-square-foot building can accommodate 772 residents. The units include studios and shared apartments with two to four single bedrooms, all with kitchens and washers and dryers.

The amenities include a fitness center, an art studio, a game room, a rooftop vegetable garden, balconies and retail stores on the ground floor. There's a lounge just for students who commute via public transit and a community kitchen. But the rent comes at a hefty price, ranging from \$21,695 per academic year for a studio apartment to \$19,995 for a bedroom in a shared apartment. The rooms are only available for students...

Full story at <https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/uc-berkeley-lavish-downtown-dorm-19624230.php>.



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American Economic Assn. Job Market

AEA Guidance on the 2024-25 Economics Job Market Cycle



Most academic specialties have professional associations. Typically, those associations provide a forum for conferences at which presentations are made on various research topics in the field.

It is also common for these meetings to host a job market at which candidates for positions are interviewed.

The American Economic Association (AEA) long followed this standard practice, particularly because its annual meeting has been held just

after the New Year holiday, a period when academic institutions are typically looking for job candidates.

However, in recent years the AEA has developed a set of elaborate guidelines for candidates and employers. In part because of the pandemic experience, it now suggests initial interviews be done online with flyouts thereafter. And it asks that interviews NOT occur at the annual meeting. Basically, the suggested guidelines are an attempt to provide transparency for both sides of the labor market.

The economics profession may differ from other social sciences in that there is an extensive labor market outside academia in business, government, consulting, and nonprofit organizations. In that regard, it is similar to some STEM fields. However, other fields and their professional associations might consider variants of the economics example.

You can find the latest (Aug. 5) AEA job market guidelines at:

<https://www.aeaweb.org/news/member-announcements/2024-august-05>.

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